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The Honorable Mia Love
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Love:

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The Honorable Paul Gosar
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The Honorable Steven Palazzo
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